



**STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING**  
**Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention**  
**100 Community Place**  
**Crownsville, MD 21032**  
**Monday, May 6, 2019**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Participating Members:**

Heather Chapman, Chair  
Michelle Becote-Jackson, Vice Chair  
Kara Aanenson  
Marone Brown  
Eric Ford  
Crystal Foretia (phone)  
Musa Hammett  
Annie Hansen-Combs (phone)  
Lynette Holmes  
Quishaun Holmes  
Elizabeth "Liz" Park  
Gavin Patashnick  
Melanie Shapiro  
Jonathan Shepherd  
Darren Stephenson  
Jennifer Winter

**Guests:**

Monisha Cherayil, Public Justice Center

**Staff:**

Angela Cromwell, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Sabraya Knight, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention  
Jessica Wheeler, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

## **I. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. Members and guests introduced themselves.

## **II. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Foretia made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Aanenson seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

## **III. Maryland Suspension Representation Project**

Ms. Cherayil provided members with a presentation on the Maryland Suspension Representation Project, a partnership between the Public Justice Center, Disability Rights Maryland, the Maryland Office of the Public Defender, and the Youth, Education and Justice Center at the University of Maryland School of Law. The Project provides legal representation to students and their families disproportionately affected by suspension and expulsion proceedings. The Project also researches the effects of disproportionate discipline in schools, ultimately finding that suspension leads to student disengagement and does not enhance safety in schools. Many of the Project's goals are in alignment with the SAG's around diversion and reducing school-based arrests.

## **IV. Subcommittee Reports**

### *A. Recruitment, Training, and Regionalization*

Ms. Chapman informed members that the SAG currently has vacancies for:

- Representative of a public agency concerned with special education.
- Representative of a public agency concerned with youth services.
- Representative of a private or non-profit organization concerned with youth development.
- Representative of a private or non-profit organization with special experience and competence in addressing problems related to school violence and/or vandalism and alternatives to suspension and expulsion.
- Youth between the ages of 18-24 with personal experience with the juvenile justice system.

### *B. Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED)*

Mr. Jernigan will be meeting with Maryland school officials to discuss further training opportunities regarding RED and trauma-informed best practices. In addition, Mr. Jernigan continues to meet with officials to implement the JOINS program in other jurisdictions throughout the State.

The RED Subcommittee will reconvene in June 2019.

*C. Grant Monitoring*

The Grant Monitoring Subcommittee visited the Lead4Life, Inc. on March 25, 2019, in Frederick County. Additional site visits will be scheduled after the first quarter of the new awards that begin on July 1. All members are encouraged to attend grant monitoring site visits in the future.

*D. Emerging Leaders*

Ms. Foretia provided members with an outline of the Emerging Leaders' proposed School Police Report Card project, an effort to find discrepancies in interactions between youth of color and School Resource Officers. Under the project, a multiple-choice survey would be disseminated to high school students in Maryland requesting a rating of interactions between students and SROs. Dr. Brown volunteered to serve as an advisor to the Emerging Leaders as they work to further develop their proposal and ultimately implement the report card.

*E. Legislative*

Mr. Patashnick provided members with an overview of the 2019 legislative session and highlighted bills that impact juvenile justice.

**V. Juvenile Justice Specialist Updates**

Ms. Wheeler informed members that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will be conducting an audit of Maryland's Compliance Monitoring System on May 13, 2019. Ms. Wheeler will share updates to members as necessary.

Ms. Wheeler encouraged members to share feedback regarding the most recent Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Title II Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJAC) and subsequent grant review process. Members were pleased with the changes made to the NOFA and noted that the submission of feedback in advance of the review meeting was efficient. Members suggested more technical assistance and training on the grant process for potential applicants, including incorporating outcome measurements, recovery and trauma, and RED.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2019 at 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032.